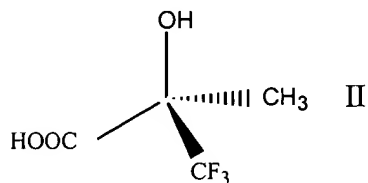
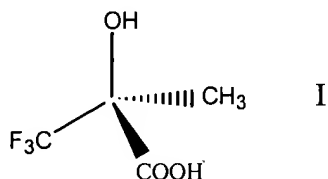
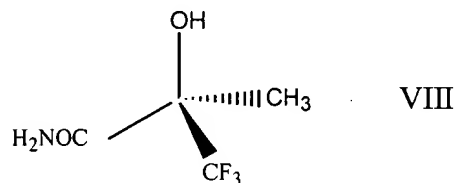
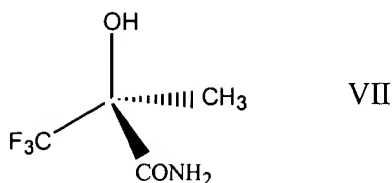


28. (Twice Amended) A process for the preparation of (S) - or (R) -3, 3, 3-trifluoro-2-hydroxy-2-methylpropionic acid of the formula:



or of (R) - or (S) -3, 3, 3-trifluoro-2-hydroxy-2-methylpropionamide of the formula



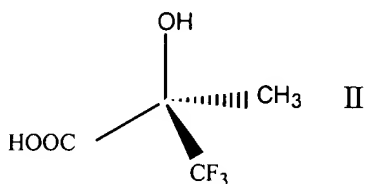
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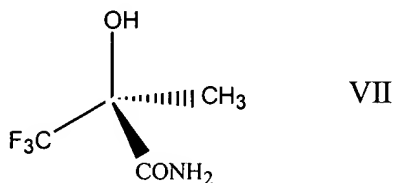
into a compound of the formula I, II, VII or VIII using:

- (a) the microorganism of claim 41 or 42; or
- (b) the cell extract of claim 43 or 44.

30. (Twice Amended) A process for the preparation of (R) -3, 3, 3-trifluoro-2-hydroxy-2-methylpropionic acid of the formula



or of (S) -3, 3, 3-trifluoro-2-hydroxy-2-methyl-propionamide of the formula



comprising converting propionamide of the formula



into the compound of the formula II utilizing the microorganism of claim 41 or 42.